GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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BIDS FOR FM LICENCE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government did not receive bids for 57 licences and 23 successful bidders have surrendered in the second phase of FM radio licences;

(b) If so, the factors attributed thereto ;

(c) Whether the Government has taken care of these factors before initiating process of granting FM licences of 100 cities ;

(d) If so, the details thereof ;

(e) The details of revenue collected through licences for FM radios during the last three years city-wise; and

(f) The expected revenue generation from the second phase?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) During the Second Phase of Private FM radio broadcasting, 337 channels were put on bid out of which 280 channels were successfully bid. While no bids were received for 28 channels, bids received in respect of 29 channels were rejected as the same was less than the Reserve One Time Entry Fee (OTEF). As per the clause 1.2.2 of the Tender Document (available at www.mib.nic.in), the total number of channels allocated to an applicant and its related entities shall not exceed the overall limit of 15% of the total channels allocated. Hence, two companies which had acquired more than 15% of the total bid channels, i.e. 45, had to surrender the excess channels.

(e) The details of revenue collected through licenses for FM radios during the last three years city-wise is at Annexure.

(f) The expected revenue generation from second phase is Rs. 38,16,46,091/- per annum.